

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION

RESOLUTION R6T-2003-0003

**ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING  
UTILITY, PUBLIC WORKS, AND STREAMBED/LAKEBED ALTERATION  
PROJECTS, LAHONTAN REGION**

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**WHEREAS**, the California Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region finds:

1. It is the responsibility of the Regional Board to regulate the activities and factors which affect or may affect the quality of waters of the region in order to achieve the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State, and
2. In accordance with Section 13260 of the California Water Code, the discharge of storm water runoff and products of erosion from small construction projects, including utility and public works construction projects, within certain sensitive watersheds in the Lahontan Region, and discharges associated with minor streambed/lakebed alteration projects in the Lahontan Region are considered to be discharges of waste that could affect the quality of waters of the State.
3. The Regional Board may prescribe requirements for any proposed discharge, in accordance with Section 13263 of the California Water Code.
4. Potential water quality degradation from such construction activities has been regulated under a conditional waiver policy (Board Order No. 6-88-18), which will expire on January 2003.
5. The Regional Board intends to adopt a General Permit for small construction projects in certain sensitive watersheds and streambed/lakebed alteration projects in the Lahontan Region that are not regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404.
6. The Regional Board is the lead agency pursuant to Section 15050 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and
7. An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/ND) was prepared for the project pursuant to Section 15070 of the CEQA Guidelines, and
8. The draft IS/ND was circulated for public review through the State Clearinghouse under SCH #2002092080 and in accordance with requirements pursuant to Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, and

9. The Regional Board has considered all comments at a public meeting and written comments received, and determined that the project will not result in any adverse environmental impacts, and
10. The IS/ND identifies potential impacts on geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and utilities and service systems. These potential impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels through erosion control and pollution prevention policies, requirements, and guidelines established in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region* (Basin Plan).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/ND), and the responses to public comments constitute a complete and technically adequate environmental document in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and
2. The Negative Declaration is hereby certified, and
3. That, upon certification of the IS/ND by the Regional Board, Regional Board staff shall file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 15094 of the CEQA Guidelines, and
4. The Regional Board hereby adopts a monitoring and reporting program (pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21081.6) that will ensure compliance with the mandatory mitigation measures described in the IS/ND. The monitoring and reporting program detailed in the IS/ND prepared for the project.

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on January 8, 2003.

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HAROLD J. SINGER  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER